
Subject: SIZE() vs. N_ELEMENTS()

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I am trying to free up some namespace by deleting stale routines.

I found an old one (http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/pro/structure/n_struct.pro ,
written 1989) that contains the comment:

```
;      If structure, use size function to get # of elements  
;      (instead of N_elements) so that it works on I/O associated  
structures.
```

Does this make sense to anyone? Is there any situation now where
one must use SIZE() to get the number of elements rather than
N_ELEMENTS(). Or does this refer to some long-forgotten file
structure that is no longer relevant?

Thanks, --Wayne
